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Dean Corley Welcomes You Back to the Libraries

Welcome to the fall 2020 semester. We know many of you are eager to return to campus, and we are excited to see students, colleagues, campus partners, and community users in our buildings. Memorial Library reopened to the public on August 10 and the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library opened on August 24. During this time Library Services at Minnesota State, Mankato continues to work in partnership with our campus associates to adjust our facilities to keep our community safe.

When you return to our libraries you will notice some changes.

- All visitors are required to wear masks at all times.
- All floors of in Memorial Library are available with limited seating.
- New guidelines for seating with increased space between tables and chairs.
- The four group study rooms located on the first floor are now open to groups of two. All other group study rooms are closed.
- Expanded textbook access through [Textbooks & Course Reserves](#).
- Delayed re-shelving of books and other materials (most items will be quarantined for 72 hours after they have been returned).
- Low-touch checkout procedures.
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Sneeze guards at service points.

A few other things you should know:

- Visit the [Library Hours page](#) to see up-to-date building hours.
- The Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library remains in the Performing Arts Center, room PA203, with reduced [hours](#).
- Archives is available [by appointment only](#).
- Equipment items (laptops, cameras, etc.) should be [requested in advance](#).
- For quick pick up from the 1st floor Circulation Desk, library users are encouraged to request books and other items in advance through MavScholar.
- Printing and scanning are available.
- To work with a librarian via chat, phone, email, or an appointment, use our [Ask a Librarian service](#).
- For answers to frequently asked questions related to the Library and COVID-19 see the [Library Services COVID-19 FAQ](#).

We are eager to assist you with your information, research, and other needs. Any changes to Library operations will be posted on our website and social media channels. Best wishes for your fall semester at Minnesota State Mankato. Please let us know how we can improve our services.

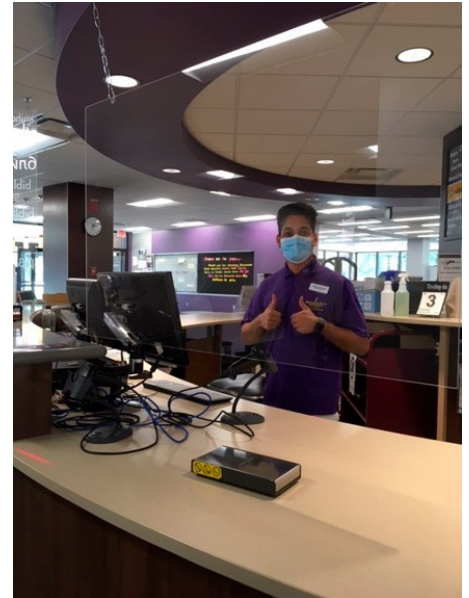
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Library Services Promotes Textbook Affordability

Help Grow the Textbook Reserve Program

Library Services is working to support campus courses this Fall with expanded textbook options. The goal is to help ensure that more students have access to assigned course readings. To advance this objective, the library is acquiring eBook versions of some assigned textbooks as well as providing print copies of selected textbooks via the Maverick Textbook Reserve program. The Maverick Textbook Reserve Program is a longstanding program under the combined efforts of Student Government, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, and Library Services to provide textbooks for short term check out for undergraduate classes with high enrollment numbers. Library Services also retains other books on Reserve outside the Maverick Textbook Reserve Program.

Visit our [Library Reserves](#) page to see if the Library has already added textbook options for your students. Many textbooks are not available for library purchase as an eBook, but we are acquiring, with discretion, those that are available. Contact your [library liaison](#) or use our [Ask a Librarian](#) service if you have questions or would like to know more about the ways Library Services can support your curriculum with library and open resources by visiting our [Affordable Textbook Initiative webpage](#).



Library student worker Rashib Humagai is ready to check out books at the Circulation Desk.



OpenStax Program Encourages Free Textbooks

Minnesota State Mankato was recently named one of 12 schools chosen to participate in the 2020-2021 OpenStax Institutional Partnership Network. As a participant in the network's first-year program, the University will

work to build and execute a strategy to encourage greater use of free, flexible textbooks among its faculty and students. According to OpenStax, to date the program has resulted in over \$20 million of additional student savings from open educational resources.

IT Solutions and Library Services have been partnering for the past few years to support open educational resource (OER) development and use in the classroom. Library Services Professor Bobby Bothmann believes that "OER are an essential tool in achieving day-one access to course content, providing content that is inclusive, and closing the achievement gap for marginalized students." For more information about the program contact Bobby Bothmann at bobby.bothmann@mnsu.edu.

Library Faculty Are Available To Support Research In Online Classes

Librarians are available to help you teach and reinforce research and information literacy skills in online learning formats. In addition to offering [synchronous and asynchronous library workshops](#), librarians have created ready-made and ready-to-customize videos, tutorials, and activities.

- [Tutorials & Graded Assignments](#): These tutorials require students to submit answers. Librarians can provide student answers to instructors for evidence and assessment upon request. Many of the tutorials can be customized for specific class needs.
- [Instructional Videos](#): Librarians have developed a number of videos to help students learn about and use library resources.
- [Streaming Videos](#): Minnesota State University Mankato provides access to more than 30,000 streaming video titles for our faculty and students. These titles include documentaries, feature films, ethnographies, primary source material, and much more.
- [Step-by-Step Text Instructions](#): Librarians have developed library guides and slideshows with step-by-step, text and image instructions explaining library research tasks. Some of these guides and slideshows can be customized to meet course needs.

Additional information literacy instructional materials are organized by the library's educational competencies in our [Information Literacy Toolkit](#). Many of these materials can be customized to specific course needs and the tutorials can be used as graded assignments in your classes. [Contact us](#) to learn more and discuss options for your classes.

New Databases!

Over the summer Memorial Library acquired several new databases.

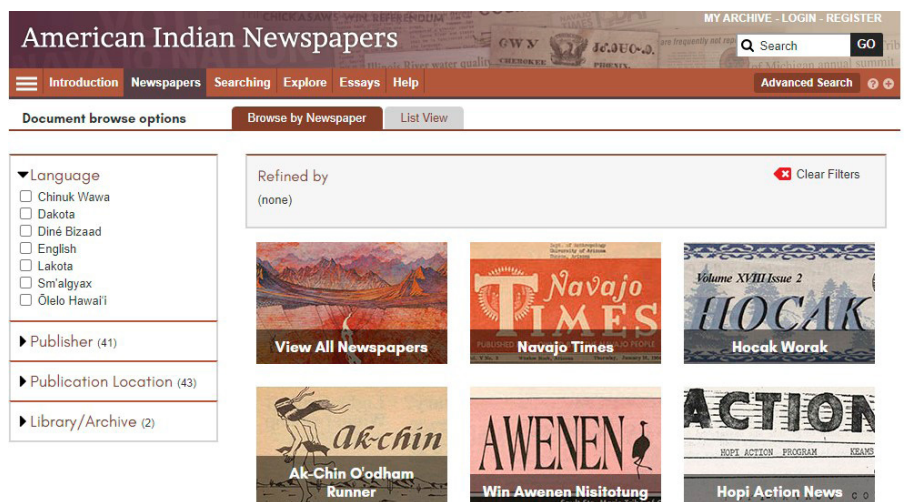
Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive (Collections 2 & 3) (ProQuest). A thematic archive, covering key trade and consumer magazines in film and television.

American Indian Newspapers (Adam Matthew). American Indian Newspapers provides digital access to North American Indigenous journalism from a range of communities, historic presses, and contemporary periodicals.

Women's Magazine Archive (ProQuest).

A searchable archive of leading women's interest magazines.

To find these new databases visit the library's [Databases A-Z list](#).



Research Help Available Through Multiple Formats

Currently Minnesota State Mankato librarians are not physically staffing the Reference desk, but they are available and are eager to help you and your students! If you are on campus, remote research assistance is available by using the Reference Kiosks located on the 1st floor of the Memorial Library. Or you can access research help from anywhere through our [Ask a Librarian](#) web page. Once there simply choose your preferred method of communication: email, chat, or phone. If you choose a chat session, librarians can launch a Zoom session and work with you face-to-face. Our online chat reference service is staffed by librarians 24/7. Our phone and email services are staffed by library faculty during our [remote service hours](#).



Reference kiosks are available near the reference desk to help you instantly connect to a librarian.

Covid-19 Community History Project August 2020 Update

The COVID-19 Community History project was created to expand access and understanding about the COVID-19 Pandemic experience. Once collected these materials will be made available through Archives' physical and digital collections. Two main categories were gathered for the project, individual contributions and official university communications. Student workers at the University were the primary contributors, with numerous international students hired specifically to participate in the project. As of July 2020, over 122 student employees have contributed to the project.

The COVID-19 Community History Project was only possible because of collaborations across campus. University Archives and Library Services wants to thank the Kearney Center for International Student Services; Student Financial Services; Global Education; Office of the Provost; Office of Diversity and Inclusion; College of Science, Engineering and Technology and the departments of Mass Communications, English, and World Languages and Cultures for their involvement and for the work they did to make this project a success.

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